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Applicant(s): Wang et al.

Docket No.: 150.00900104

Title: METHOD OF PASSIVATING AN OXIDE SURFACE SUBJECTED TO A CONDUCTIVE MATERIAL ANNEAL

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- ☒ UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION including:
- ☒ Specification (30 consecutively numbered pgs, including 67 claims on 11 Consecutively numbered pgs and a 1 pg Abstract);
 - ☒ Drawings (9 sheets); and
 - ☒ A signed Declaration as filed in the prior application (2 pgs);
 - ☒ A signed Election under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71 and 3.73 and Power of Attorney as filed in the prior application (1 pg.);
 - ☒ A signed Appointment of Associate Attorney as filed in the prior application (1 pg);
 - ☒ Application Data Sheet (2 pgs).
 - ☒ An itemized return postcard.
 - ☒ Request for filing a Continuation Application under rule § 1.53(b) (3 pgs);
 - ☒ Preliminary Amendment (8 pgs.);
 - ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 858.00 to pay the filing fee, which is calculated below:

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| | Number of Pending Claims (1) | Claims Included in Basic Filing Fee (2) | Number of Extra Claims (1-2) | Cost per Extra Claim | Fee Required |
| Total Claims | 26 | - 20 = | 6 | x \$18 = | \$108 |
| Independent Claims | 3 | - 3 = | 0 | x \$84 = | \$0 |
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REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER RULE §1.53(b)

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of Serial No. 10/263,921, Confirmation No. 8652, filed on October 3, 2002, entitled METHOD OF PASSIVATING AN OXIDE SURFACE SUBJECTED TO A CONDUCTIVE MATERIAL ANNEAL by the following inventors listed below, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/631,329, filed August 3, 2000 and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,559,053 on May 6, 2003, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/146,296, filed September 3, 1998 and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,555,455 on April 29, 2003.

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1. ☐ Enclosed is a copy of the specification (including claims, abstract, and drawings) as filed in the prior application.
2. ☒ Enclosed is a new specification (including claims and abstract). The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference.
3. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.
4. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the Election under 37 C.F.R. §§3.71 and 3.73 and Power of Attorney as filed in the prior application.

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5. X Enclosed is a copy of the Appointment of Associate Attorney as filed in the prior application.
6. X Enclosed are drawings (9 sheets).
7. X Cancel in this application claims 1-41 before calculating the filing fee. (At least one independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
8. X A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
9. X The filing fee is calculated below:

| CLAIMS AS FILED | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-------|--------------------|
| NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | BASIC FEE \$750 |
| Total Claims 26-20 = | 6 | \$18 | \$108 |
| Independent Claims 3-3 = | 0 | \$84 | \$0 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED | | \$280 | \$0 |
| FILING FEE: | | | \$858 |

10. X A check in the amount of \$ 858.00 is attached.
11. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-4895.
12. This application is being filed by less than all of the inventors named in the prior application. Please delete the names of the following inventor(s) who are not inventors of the invention claimed in the present application:
13. X Amend the specification by inserting as the first sentence on page 1, the following: -- This is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/263,921, filed October 3, 2002 (pending), which is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/631,329 filed August 3, 2000 and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,559,053, which is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/146,296 filed September 3, 1998 and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,555,455, which are all incorporated herein by reference in their respective entireties. --
14. Priority of foreign application Serial No. , filed on in (country) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

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15. X The prior application is assigned of record to Micron Technology, Inc.

16. X The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:

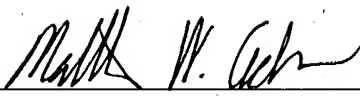
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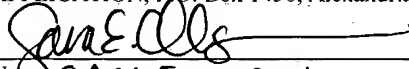
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